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SUBJ: WARNING TO STUDENTS

1. ETHIOPIAN HERALD 29 OCT IN PROMINENT FRONT PAGE ARTICLE ENTITLED "WARNING TO THOSE NOT TAKING PART IN NATIONAL CAMPAIGN," ELABORATED ON PREVIOUSLY REPORTED "BLACKLIST" (ADDIS 12779). STATEMENT, ATTRIBUTED TO EMAC, WARNED THAT THOSE NOT TAKING PART IN NATIONAL WORK CAMPAIGN WILL LOSE EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES; SPECIFICALLY THAT STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND ANY GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE SCHOOLS, EITHER REGULAR OR EXTENSION CLASSES, AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE COUNTRY FOR TRAINING ABORAD OR "FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSES" UNLESS THEY PRODUCE DOCUMENTS ATTESTING TO FULFILLMENT OF THIS "NATIONAL OBLIGATION." ARTICLE CONTINUES, STATING THAT THOSE WHO DO NOT TAKE PART IN WORK CAMPAIGN WILL NOT BE EMPLOYED BY GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE FIRMS. THRUST THIS PIECE ALSO SUPPORTED EDITORIALY.

2. SEPARATE ARTICLE, SAME EDITION, STATES THAT STUDENTS SHOULD  
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COMPLETE REGISTRATION FOR NATIONAL WORK CAMPAIGN BY 6P.M.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31. THOSE WHO FAIL TO REGISTER WOULD BE REGARDED AS "SHIRKING THEIR NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY" AND "STRONG MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST THEM".

3. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF VARIOUS HSIU STUDENT GROUPS (PARTICULARLY TIGRES AND ERITREANS) WHO ALLEGEDLY HAVE VOTED TO DISPERSE TO THEIR RESPECTIVE HOMES TO AVOID NATIONAL CAMPAIGN, BUT REPORTS USUALLY INCLUDE INDICATIONS THAT SAME STUDENTS CONTINUE SURREPTITIOUSLY TO REGISTER FOR CAMPAIGN.

4. WE HEAR THAT 3-4 ARMED SOLDIERS ON EACH FLOOR OF HSIU BUILDINGS TO PREVENT "CONFETTI PROTEST" BY STUDENTS WHO WERE TEARING UP NATIONAL CAMPAIGN REGISTRATION FORMS. THEIR PRESENCE UNDERSCORED BY LOUDSPEAKER VANS PLAYING ETHIOPIA TIKDEM MARCHING SONGS.

5. SOME STUDENTS SAID BE TRYING TO ORGANIZE "STUDENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE" TO MAINTAIN CONTACT BETWEEN STUDENT "CENTERS" IN COUNTRYSIDE. ALLEGEDLY, CURRENT PLANS CALL FOR ASSIGNMENT ONE HUNDRED STUDENTS TO EACH PROSPECTIVE CENTER UNDER DIRECTION OF MILITARY AND TEACHERS. ACTIVIST STUDENT DEMANDS STILL INCLUDE LAND REFORM, FREE SPEECH AND RIGHT OF ASSEMBLY WHILE IN COUNTRY-SIDE, ETC.

6. COMMENT: LATTER LIKELY "LAST GASP" FACE-SAVING EFFORT BY A FEW STUDENTS WHO PROBABLY AWARE OF FUTILITY OF RESISTANCE, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF PUBLICATION OF BLACKLIST SANCTIONS. WYMAN

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